

SOUTH HEDLAND HOUSING PROJECTS — AUDIT

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion

MR F.M. LOGAN (Cockburn) [11.11 am] — without notice: I move —

That standing orders be suspended so far as to enable the following motion to be moved forthwith —

That the Treasurer commission an immediate audit of South Hedland housing projects, including the management of and financial arrangements surrounding Osprey Village.

I have spoken to the Leader of the House about the suspension motion before the house and suggested that a suspension be limited to 15 minutes for either side. I believe that that is approved and I will look to the government to confirm that.

Standing Orders Suspension — Amendment to Motion

MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Deputy Premier) [11.12 am]: The Leader of the House has agreed to a suspension of standing orders subject to the debate being limited to 15 minutes for government members and 15 minutes for non-government members. The government, in the spirit of being generous and cooperative, as we have demonstrated in the past, without further ado will move the suspension of standing orders so that we can move through this process and get on with government business once it is finalised. I move —

To insert after “forthwith” —

, subject to the debate being limited to 15 minutes for government members and 15 minutes for non-government members

Amendment put and passed.

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion, as Amended

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, as this is a motion without notice to suspend standing orders, it will need the support of an absolute majority for it to proceed. If I hear a dissentient voice, I will be required to divide the Assembly.

Question put and passed with an absolute majority.

Motion

MR F.M. LOGAN (Cockburn) [11.15 am]: I move —

That the Treasurer commission an immediate audit of South Hedland housing projects, including the management of and financial arrangements surrounding Osprey Village.

It is a pity it took that long Madam Acting Speaker, but thank you very much indeed for your patience. I bring this matter to the house as a suspension of standing orders because of the information the opposition received in answer to question without notice 644—C692—asked in the Legislative Council last night about the investments made by the government in South Hedland. Members of the house would be more than well aware that I have raised this issue about the timing and the way in which investments have been made in supposedly key worker and service worker accommodation in Port Hedland and Karratha for a number of years. As late as yesterday, a question was put to the Premier about this wasteful investment that has been made, particularly in South Hedland. Members are more than aware that this is a major issue. Yesterday, I raised it as a scandal of epic proportions on the basis that nearly \$300 million worth of taxpayers’ money has been invested into service worker and key worker accommodation in South Hedland, most of which is empty. As a result of the answer that we received to a question asked in the upper house last night, we find that the occupation rate in the 293 units of accommodation in Osprey Village has now fallen to 42 per cent. The Cottier Apartments are primarily occupied, but that is not the issue. The Cottier Apartments were not built for the purposes of simply providing rental accommodation. They were built for sale and not one of them has been sold. In the Hedland 125 service worker accommodation program, which is 125 dwellings purchased across South Hedland, 10 out of the 125 dwellings are now occupied. The worst thing about this is the value of the investment made by the government of Western Australia. Those three projects alone, and there are more than that across South Hedland, cost the taxpayers of Western Australia \$233 million. Remember that Osprey Village was a joint venture between the government and Fleetwood Corporation. Fleetwood put \$42 million into that joint venture purchase. It sold its investment back to the government a year later for \$62 million.

It made a \$20 million mark-up on its investment in one year. This is the same service workers’ camp that is now 42 per cent occupied. No wonder Fleetwood sold it to the government. It could recognise a sucker when it saw one, and walked away with a \$20 million profit. That investment has now, in total, cost the taxpayers of Western Australia \$115 million, and Fleetwood has a 14-year operational contract to run Osprey Village. It will be paid over \$3 million a year for that contract regardless of how many occupants are in the village. We have

293 apartments and it is 42 per cent full, but Fleetwood is okay; it does not care whether the village is 42 per cent full, 20 per cent full or not at all; it still gets its money. Last night we found out exactly what the value of Osprey Village is. Remember, the taxpayer put in \$115 million. The Valuer-General has now advised that the book valuation of the dwellings and improvements at Osprey Village is \$51.3 million. If the same valuation is applied across the other two investments that I have been referring to, in Port Hedland alone the WA taxpayer has lost over \$120 million in its investments. Those investments have only existed since 2013, and the government has blown over \$120 million.

The Premier, the Treasurer, the member for Pilbara and the Minister for Regional Development say that that is okay. All the investment has been put in, and it will be ready for the next cycle that comes around—the next investment boom that will come in the Pilbara. The Treasurer knows that Western Australia has been through an extraordinary boom, when China went through a super-cycle of investment, and a super-cycle of demand for iron ore and coal for that investment, the likes of which most economists are saying we will never see again in our lifetimes. When will these apartments be filled? When is the next cycle coming along that will fill up these apartments? Why were they built in the first place?

The member for Pilbara lashed the former Labor government, saying that it did not do enough in the Pilbara to stop the increase in rents to \$2 500 a week. He may well have a very strong point about governments trying to address that problem, but the point I am making to the member for Pilbara and to the government is that the government overinvested at the wrong time. Had the government done the Hedland 125 program in South Hedland only, that would have taken care of most of the needs. But it went further, and despite the fact that the member for Pilbara said yesterday on the radio that the government did not speculate, that is exactly what it did. It was using taxpayers' money to speculate in the north west and to pork-barrel for the 2013 election, when the member for Pilbara wanted to tell everyone that he was building the cities of the Pilbara. That is exactly what it was all about, and he used taxpayers' money to do it. I have said in this house many times that if the member thinks it is that good, he should put his own money into it.

We have now been left in South Hedland alone with three investments that are worth less than half what taxpayers put into them. They are empty, apart from the Cottier Apartments, which were supposed to be sold; they are not there for rental. The government cannot sell any of them. The rest of them are absolutely empty, and we have no chance of filling them. This is a scandal, and today we are calling on the Treasurer not to ignore this, but to use his department to investigate why taxpayers' money was scandalously invested in projects that will never see a return. We will never get a return. We will not even be able to sell them—that is the problem. We cannot even sell them, member for Pilbara. That is the reason this is a scandal; we can never, ever get that money back.

It was okay for the government to do things to address the increases in rents in the Pilbara, but that should have been done in conjunction with the private sector so that it took the risk, not so that the taxpayer was exposed to that risk. That is just wrong. The government speculated and got it wrong, and now the taxpayers of Western Australia are paying for it. The Treasurer must investigate this scandal.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms J.M. Freeman): The question is that the motion be agreed to. All those in favour —

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, I am on my feet. I can stand here—you have 15 minutes, but if I stand on my feet, that will delay the business of the house, so stop yelling at each other. I have given the call, and someone needs to stand, otherwise I will put the motion.

MR D.T. REDMAN (Warren-Blackwood — Minister for Regional Development) [11.27 am]: The whole premise of an opposition is to make a debate and put up an argument. Do not put up something here and then just sit down and wait for someone to respond.

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, I am on my feet! Settle down. Minister —

Mr D.T. REDMAN: Thank you, Madam Acting Speaker. I thought the whole premise of having a debate was to make the case from all sides of the house, but the opposition puts up just one speaker, and that is it, just to use up a bit of time.

I want to go through a number of issues. We will not support this motion, because the issue has been raised time and again in this house of the government responding to an unprecedented level of growth in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. I do not think anyone can downplay the level of mining investment that has occurred over the last decade, and the level of demand drivers and pressure that that put on land release, housing, schools, medical services, hospitals and all the other services that come from that growth. We actually responded.

Interestingly, the Labor Party was calling for it right throughout that period. I remember Hon Tom Stephens, a previous member for Pilbara, banging on at the back of the house about what this government should be doing to support all these issues happening up there. And we were doing that. We unlocked whatever we could unlock to allow housing, health and education services to catch up with the growth that was happening at that time, and Labor was actually calling for it. In January 2013, the WA Labor policy document that was put out for the 2013 election stated that affordable housing was one of the biggest problems in the Pilbara. That was reiterated in March 2014. Affordable housing in the Pilbara was the biggest issue being put up by opposition members in their policy documents and in their public commentary. They said it was a big issue, and asked what the government was doing about it. “What the hell are you doing about it?” was the commentary coming from the opposition.

Decisions about many of the projects that the member for Cockburn was talking about, including Pelago East stage 2, the Hamilton precinct, which did not progress—I think, from memory, that was in conjunction with BHP Billiton—and Osprey Village, were made on 18 June 2012. We actually made those decisions prior to the opposition’s public commentary that there is a huge issue. These things take time. The member for Cockburn —

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms J.M. Freeman): Minister! Okay; you might want to remember that there are people who are workers in this building who are reporting *Hansard*. You can yell at each other, but *Hansard* cannot hear what you are saying, minister, or hear what the opposition is saying because you are all yelling at each other. Let us hold this debate with respect for the workers in the room.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: During a number of other debates in this house the member for Cockburn has said, “You should have predicted this; you should have seen it. You should have known what was going to happen in the markets.” The opposition ran that public commentary as late as March 2014, so obviously the member for Cockburn had a level of predictability about the international markets that far exceeded even those international commentators who predict every day what will happen in our markets and that we respond to at an international level. The issues we are talking about here are issues that Labor called for. Also, the opposition seems to somehow have a level of predictability post the fact that it is saying we should have perhaps seen that. Yes, the commodity-focused exports of the Pilbara are of a cyclical nature, and we have to respond to that and deal with challenges it presents.

This government also inherited the results of a significant lack of investment in regional Western Australia. Not only did we have the issues and challenges of investment in the resources sector, but also there was a lack of a supply chain of land in those areas that houses could be built on to bring in the private sector. In 2008, we had to deal with all these issues because of the legacy of a lack of substantial investment in regional Western Australia. That set up a perfect storm for us to try to respond to. This government implemented a significant regional development initiative—the royalties for regions program—that had a substantial agenda, and we announced the Pilbara Cities project as being a focus on building significant cities in our north.

Several members interjected.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: It was absolutely not pork-barrelling.

We also pushed land releases in Baynton West and Mulataga; Mulataga has not been developed, but it is push-button ready to go for the next cycle. We had to do that because, funnily enough, that is what happens in the metropolitan area. So, it is okay to have land development ready to go in the metropolitan area, but if it is done in regional Western Australia, it is called pork-barrelling!

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Willagee, if you are having a really nice conversation there, you might want to take it outside. Clerk, if you are having a very nice conversation out there, you might want to take it outside. Minister for Local Government, if you are having a very nice conversation there, you might want to take it outside. Member for Cockburn, you might want to listen to what is being said. Thank you. The minister has the call.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: We have taken a very mature approach to having a pipeline of land and housing development supported by government investment to ensure that we have processes in place to deal with these issues in the future and also manage some of the acute issues we have become aware of over the past couple of years. In South Hedland and Newman we have made a number of investments. Particularly important in those investments has been service worker accommodation. Having those employees who do not get paid very much but support the other businesses in those communities is really, really important. Service worker accommodation was one of those initiatives. We have supported investment to try to normalise those communities for the people who work in the shops and support those other businesses. Looking at the profile at the time, it was under-supported; it still is even now. People with relatively low incomes need affordable accommodation to sustain a normalised community. There were innovative initiatives, such as Pelago. The government purchased units within Pelago to support private sector investment.

Several members interjected.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I am not sure of the date of this quote, but I can find it. The Leader of the Opposition made some really interesting public comments on the private sector. The member for Cockburn argued that the government is playing in the private sector space and it should not be there: the private sector is over there, and we are over here. That is the commentary the member for Cockburn runs; he has spoken about that sort of issue in today's debate. I quote the Leader of the Opposition, who said —

I think there's a jobs crisis in Western Australia, I think we need to focus what we do very heavily on creating economic activity particularly from the private sector and if we can use Royalties for Regions as an attractor for private sector investment in regional Western Australia that would be my number one focus.

“If we can use royalties for regions as an attractor of private sector investment in regional Western Australia, that would be my number one focus”!

Several members interjected.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: The hypocrisy!

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro! Member for West Swan! The minister had sat down; it was clear I was on my feet. You have made your points, members.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: The Leader of the Opposition is leading from the front and talking about the importance of bringing the private sector to the table; in fact, he is saying he would use royalties for regions money to do that. That is what we have been doing, and that has been our response to what was happening in particularly the Pilbara. Pelago is a successful example of that. There was Government Regional Officers' Housing refurbishment to provide decent accommodation for government employees in the Pilbara and Kimberley. Private sector investment came to the table. Correct; the heat has now come out of sector—absolutely it has. We now have a transition in the economy and it is always a challenge for government to manage that; we are trying to manage that challenge through our budgetary process. The heat is coming out.

The housing assets are not stranded assets in any way whatsoever. Those assets contribute to maintaining the level of rental pricing in the Pilbara; it is still at a level above Perth. The median rental price in those Pilbara communities is still above that of Perth. We have opportunities in transitional housing, and that is one of our considerations as we work through the remote Aboriginal community work. There are opportunities to change that blend of GROH and service worker accommodation, and opportunities for independent living units for the aged. That is one of the areas that has come through in our blueprint development work in the Pilbara.

I have mentioned already that the Leader of the Opposition supports the notion of using royalties for regions to trigger and support private sector investment. That is absolutely what we have been doing. I wish to raise another matter that came from two questions asked by the member for Cockburn yesterday. He used the premise of social housing needs in the metropolitan area, and asked why the government is investing in those houses while there are empty houses in the Pilbara. The second question asked about the investors in the Pilbara; he said the government is smashing the investors who bought into the private sector in the Pilbara. When it comes to the metropolitan area, the member for Cockburn supports social housing needs, but when it comes to the Pilbara, he supports the investors. He cannot have that argument both ways! He cannot stand in this place on a high moral hill —

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Cockburn, I need to call you for the first time. I get that there is passion in the argument, but let the minister be heard. He is almost done, I should think, so let the minister be heard.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: He cannot have that argument both ways.

In summary, we have responded to one of the most significant shifts in the economy in the Pilbara, and there will not be stranded assets. The assets are sustaining a level of market that is getting close to normalised, but is not so yet because median rentals are still above those of the Perth metropolitan area. There have been some very good examples of comments of the Leader of the Opposition and questions asked during question time that demonstrate the opposition's incapacity to understand the issues up north, and, therefore, put decent policy settings in place to respond to them. I can clearly see the strategy of the opposition as we go to the next election. If the opposition is going to have a crack at the Pilbara, it is going to align itself with the investors; it is not going to align itself with the service workers, businesses and those people who are trying to make a difference in one of the most important parts of Western Australia, which is driving not only our economy but also the national economy. We will not be supporting this motion.

MR B.J. GRYLLS (Pilbara) [11.40 am]: Madam Acting Speaker, the media and —

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms J.M. Freeman): Member for Bassendean, we call people by their seats in this house.

Mr D.A. Templeman interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Mandurah, I am on my feet and you are officially called for the first time. Let us try to have a reasonable debate so that the people who take the record, the Hansard reporters, are respected. We might not respect each other, but let us do it for the purposes of the workers in the room.

Mr B.J. GRYLLS: The median rental price in South Hedland today is \$421 a week; the Perth median is \$395. It is difficult for young couples, families and people on low incomes to get affordable housing in Perth, so that leads us to believe that it is probably more difficult in South Hedland. We do not have to be economic geniuses to work out that if we take 500 properties —

Dr A.D. Buti interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Armadale.

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, it is actually good for me to keep getting up and down; I have a sore back. However, I would prefer that I did not and that I did not waste the time of the house. Can we just listen to the member for Pilbara in silence, or in relative silence. If members have a comment, mumble it; just think that for Hansard's purposes we want to hear what the member for Pilbara is saying.

Mr B.J. GRYLLS: If we take the 500 properties owned by the government pitched at affordable rentals out of the Port Hedland and South Hedland property markets, what would happen to the average rents led by the private investor? They would go up. I would suggest that without those 500 properties, median rents would still be over \$1 000 a week. Median rents would still be over \$1 000 a week if the government had not invested in the properties that members opposite say was a disgraceful decision. What is disgraceful is the situation we found ourselves in and how that affected the residents of that community. In July 2012, the Western Australian cabinet made a decision to invest in properties in Port Hedland and South Hedland to normalise the market.

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Albany.

Mr B.J. GRYLLS: That decision was made in July 2012, supported by the member for Hillarys. I remember it well. In 2012, when we made that decision, the average advertised rental in Port Hedland was \$2 500; the average advertised weekly rental in July 2012 in South Hedland was \$1 900 a week. Imagine what average rentals of \$1 900 a week would do to the member for Cockburn's community. It would destroy his community. That is what it was doing in Hedland. It was destroying the community. The average rental was \$1 900 a week.

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro.

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro!

Ms M.M. Quirk interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen, I call you for the first time. I am on my feet. If I get on my feet, all of you just take a deep breath so that you are ready for the next time that you want to go.

Mr B.J. GRYLLS: The stated intention of the government was to reduce median rentals to a normalised amount.

Mr P.B. Watson interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Albany, I have been sitting here indicating to you that you need to stop. Now I have, so, member for Albany, I call you. I have to remind everyone that we are a good couple of hours away from question time. Do not start out on a bad footing.

Mr B.J. GRYLLS: Given that the stated intention of the government —

Mr J.R. Quigley interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Butler, I call you for the first time and every time you yell, member for Butler, I am going to stand up because, clearly, you made a conscious decision to do that. I will stand up and call you.

Mr B.J. GRYLLS: Given the stated intention of the government from 2009, when it released Pilbara Cities, was to normalise property prices in the Pilbara, where was the opposition saying, “Don’t do that because if you do that, all government properties will drop in value and there will be a massive loss to the taxpayer of the value of those properties because you said you wanted to reduce them”? The median property price was nearly \$1 million. The government’s stated intention was to normalise that back to around \$450 000, so its stated intention for every government-owned property was to reduce it. If the opposition truly believes that was a bad outcome for the government, why was the opposition not saying back then do not do it? Why was it not saying in 2009 and 2010, “Do not build more government properties in the Pilbara because that will drop the value. We don’t want to drop the value of government property; we want the value of government properties to stay high”?

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for North West Central, it does not help if you bait the other side. I am trying to keep the debate under control. Member for North West Central, do it again and I will call you.

Mr B.J. GRYLLS: Members opposite are the property speculators here.

Mr P.T. Miles interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Wanneroo, you are called.

Mr B.J. GRYLLS: Members opposite wanted to keep the property prices in the Pilbara artificially high. They wanted to make it impossible, artificially, for small businesses. The government did not want to do that and that is why we invested in the 500 properties. That is why we have normalised the market. I and the Leader of National Party and all members on this side —

MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan) [11.45 am]: Is it not interesting that the Treasurer could not stand up and defend these decisions? This motion calls on the Treasurer to undertake an audit. That is all it calls on, and the Treasurer is refusing to do it because it is indefensible. Taxpayers have lost hundreds of millions of dollars.

Mr B.J. Grylls: They have not lost hundreds of millions.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: It is hundreds of millions. You had the opportunity —

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: I am pretty good at chairing; I do not need you to be pointing out stuff to me. I am grumpy and I am going to do a fine job.

Member for Pilbara, please do not yell out. I have tried to protect you. If you do it again, I will call you.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: The member for Pilbara had the opportunity to forensically go through those investment decisions and explain how taxpayers have not lost money, but he did not. He did not because he could not. It was just the ranting of a —

Mr B.J. Grylls interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Pilbara, you are called. If you do it again, I will just keep doing it.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: It was simply ranting. Both he and the Minister for Regional Development had the opportunity but they did not. They just stood up and said that it was okay to waste tens of millions of dollars because they do stuff.

Mr B.J. Grylls interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Pilbara, you are called. Member for North West Central you are called. Can we just move through this, please.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: That is basically their logic: we do stuff so it is okay to waste tens of millions of dollars of taxpayers’ money. That is what they said. They are absolutely financial cowboys. Let us go through it.

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Breathe!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: It is no wonder they lost the AAA credit rating and are presiding over the biggest deficit in the state’s history—financial cowboys. The idea to go and invest at the height of the boom —

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Bateman, you are very close. Let us keep it down. Let us move on.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: With respect to the timing, let us face it: they presided for four years over increasing rents; for four years it did nothing. A few months before the election there was a bit of activity. The government built in the height of the boom.

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, let the member speak. Think about Hansard. It is so loud when you are yelling. Let the member speak.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: They sat there for four years and then before an election thought, “Jeez, we need to get some building happening.” For four years, the government allowed the rents to increase. That is what happened.

Several members interjected.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: That is what happened. The government allowed rents to increase and then six months before an election said, “Let’s have some activity.” That is what happened and taxpayers now face the consequences. This motion was moved so that the Treasurer could stand and explain these deals and justify the government’s actions, but he could not. He could not because he knows that the actions are not justifiable. If the National Party is so concerned about social housing, why is there still a Homeswest waitlist? Why are people waiting for years for housing in South Hedland? I do not understand; if the National Party is so concerned about social housing and affordable housing, why does it allow people to be on the waitlist when there is empty accommodation? I do not know why the National Party is doing that.

Several members interjected.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: The figures that the shadow Minister for Housing received yesterday are absolutely clear. In Osprey Village alone, the project’s value has reduced by over \$50 million—in that project alone. Honestly, this National Party has overseen people leave regional WA; that is what we have seen!

Several members interjected.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: People are leaving regional WA; that is why the National Party lost the seat! Thank goodness that members on this side represent what the community actually wants.

Several members interjected.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: That is what we do; the member for Albany, the member for Collie–Preston, the member for Kimberley —

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members!

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Minister!

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members! I am on my feet!

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms J.M. Freeman): Members! Minister, you are now on two calls—actually, you are not. Very luckily, that is your first call, minister.

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, stop! I will just stand here and delay the business. Members, there is just one more minute to go and it will all be finished. Minister for Regional Development, I call you to order for the second time; I was on my feet and you continued, as did a number of you, but you outraged me the most as I was standing here listening! Enough!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: We saw the Minister for Regional Development’s ignorance of regional WA when he actually forgot where the Kimberley is in WA! He thought that Yanchep was the furthest north!

Several members interjected.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: That is the Minister for Regional Development’s ignorance; he forgot where the Kimberley was and thought that Yanchep was the northernmost part of WA. This is a disgrace. The Treasurer was too scared to stand up to justify this spending. Again and again, there are examples of why these guys have driven WA off the financial cliff.

Opposition members: Hear, hear!

Mr Fran Logan; Mrs Liza Harvey; Mr Terry Redman; Mr Brendon Grylls; Ms Rita Saffioti

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: They are the worst financial managers in the state's history and deals like this, in which all the risk goes on to the taxpayers of WA, demonstrate why. There is deal after deal after deal in which all the risk is transferred from the private sector to the government sector—to taxpayers—and taxpayers bear the brunt.

Opposition members: Hear, hear!

Division

Question put and a division taken, the Acting Speaker (Ms J.M. Freeman) casting her vote with the ayes, with the following result —

Ayes (20)

Ms L.L. Baker	Mr D.J. Kelly	Mr P. Papalia	Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr R.H. Cook	Mr F.M. Logan	Mr J.R. Quigley	Mr P.C. Tinley
Ms J.M. Freeman	Mr M. McGowan	Ms M.M. Quirk	Mr P.B. Watson
Mr R.F. Johnson	Ms S.F. McGurk	Mrs M.H. Roberts	Mr B.S. Wyatt
Mr W.J. Johnston	Mr M.P. Murray	Ms R. Saffioti	Mr D.A. Templeman (<i>Teller</i>)

Noes (33)

Mr P. Abetz	Ms E. Evangel	Mr R.S. Love	Mr J. Norberger
Mr F.A. Alban	Mr J.M. Francis	Mr W.R. Marmion	Mr D.T. Redman
Mr C.J. Barnett	Mr B.J. Grylls	Mr J.E. McGrath	Mr A.J. Simpson
Mr I.C. Blayney	Dr K.D. Hames	Ms L. Mettam	Mr M.H. Taylor
Mr I.M. Britza	Mrs L.M. Harvey	Mr P.T. Miles	Mr T.K. Waldron
Mr G.M. Castrilli	Mr C.D. Hatton	Ms A.R. Mitchell	Mr A. Krsticevic (<i>Teller</i>)
Mr V.A. Catania	Mr A.P. Jacob	Mr N.W. Morton	
Mr M.J. Cowper	Dr G.G. Jacobs	Dr M.D. Nahan	
Ms M.J. Davies	Mr S.K. L'Estrange	Mr D.C. Nalder	

Pairs

Dr A.D. Buti	Mrs G.J. Godfrey
Ms J. Farrer	Ms W.M. Duncan

Question thus negatived.