

**BROWSE LNG PROJECT**

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**HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan — Minister for Finance)** [5.43 pm]: As we know, there is a convention in this house that when a member is absent from the chamber and there seems to be a need to remark upon it, there is also an automatic presumption that that member is on urgent parliamentary business. If Hon Norman Moore were here, I am sure that he would stand by his remarks that have just been canvassed and, what is more, he would probably use the same rationale to justify his right to make those observations. Whether the protesters at Browse and elsewhere whom Hon Linda Savage supports are rich people of independent means who were just exercising a prerogative is a matter for her to contemplate and, indeed, for Hon Norman Moore if he so wishes. I make no comment on the matter.

*House adjourned at 5.44 pm*

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