

*Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs — Twenty-sixth Report —
“Petition No. 145 — The Closure of Tier 3 Rail Lines in the Central Wheatbelt”*

Resumed from 21 June.

Motion

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I move —

That consideration of this debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the house.

By way of brief explanation, that would give the house the benefit of the government response, which is required under standing order 191. This report was only tabled on Thursday of last week.

Hon Ken Travers: Is this a debateable item?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I am giving a brief explanation. The member should just sit down for a minute and restrain himself.

Hon Sue Ellery: He is entitled to ask for advice from the Chair.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: Not when interrupting another member.

Hon Ken Travers: I am taking a point of order about whether it is a debatable item.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: Mr Deputy Chair, if I may address you. I am sure the government would need to consider the relevant recommendations at a high level and has not had the opportunity to do so.

Hon KATE DOUST: I understand where the Deputy Leader is coming from but this report was tabled last week. It is a report that has also been the subject of considerable discussion in the community. There is nothing that stops members in this chamber from being able to put their point of view on the record and still allow time to come back and review this report when the government eventually provides its response.

Hon Simon O'Brien: We have an hour to debate this and that's it, and it will be gone before you have the benefit of a response.

Hon KATE DOUST: That is right.

The DEPUTY CHAIR: Order, members! Hon Kate Doust has the call.

Hon KATE DOUST: There are members in this place who would like to have their say on this report prior to us taking an extended break. This matter is being discussed very broadly amongst the community and they would like to know what members in this place think about it. That does not stop us from having another discussion or coming back to complete the debate when the government has its reply ready.

The DEPUTY CHAIR: According to standing order 52, this is not a debatable motion.

Question put and a division taken, the Deputy Chair (Hon Michael Mischin) casting his vote with the ayes, with the following result —

Ayes (18)

Hon Liz Behjat	Hon Phil Edman	Hon Nigel Hallett	Hon Simon O'Brien
Hon Jim Chown	Hon Brian Ellis	Hon Alyssa Hayden	Hon Max Trenorden
Hon Peter Collier	Hon Donna Faragher	Hon Col Holt	Hon Ken Baston (<i>Teller</i>)
Hon Mia Davies	Hon Philip Gardiner	Hon Michael Mischin	
Hon Wendy Duncan	Hon Nick Goiran	Hon Helen Morton	

Noes (13)

Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm	Hon Adele Farina	Hon Sally Talbot	Hon Ed Dermer (<i>Teller</i>)
Hon Helen Bullock	Hon Jon Ford	Hon Ken Travers	
Hon Robin Chapple	Hon Ljiljana Ravlich	Hon Giz Watson	
Hon Kate Doust	Hon Linda Savage	Hon Alison Xamon	

Pairs

Hon Robyn McSweeney	Hon Lynn MacLaren
Hon Norman Moore	Hon Sue Ellery

Question thus passed.

Progress reported, pursuant to standing orders.