

ELIZABETH QUAY — PLUMBING CONTRACT

273. Ms R. SAFFIOTI to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the faulty plumbing work at Elizabeth Quay.

Point of Order

Mr C.J. BARNETT: Questions to a parliamentary secretary are not normal.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Carry on.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: I am happy to refer you to standing order 75, questions to ministers seeking information. It says —

Questions may be asked of —

- (1) Ministers regarding matters under the Minister's administrative responsibility.
- (2) The Leader of a party in government regarding that party's policies;
- (3) Members regarding any matter connected with the business of the Assembly for which that member has charge;

As to the duties of a parliamentary secretary, that is an arrangement between —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Mandurah, I call you to order for the first time. Member for West Swan, ask your question.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I did seek clarification before I asked the question.

The SPEAKER: Just start; that is fine. Just ask your question.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I refer to the faulty plumbing work at Elizabeth Quay —

- (1) Has the parliamentary secretary been advised of the expected cost of remedial works for this major problem at Elizabeth Quay?
- (2) Can the parliamentary secretary explain why plumbing on this major project was undertaken without the government complying with its own government regulations?

Mr J. NORBERGER replied:

Thank you.

Several members interjected.

Mr J. NORBERGER: No, not yet.

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, that is totally unnecessary. I call you to order for the third time.

Mr J. NORBERGER: I will take that question on notice.

- (1)–(2) In relation to the first part of the member's question, I have not been advised or notified, but the minister would be getting briefed on that. For the second part of the question, I will take that on notice and get back to the member.