

Mr Mark McGowan; Mr John Day; Acting Speaker; Mr Roger Cook; Dr Tony Buti; Mr Troy Buswell; Mr Nathan Morton; Dr Graham Jacobs; Mr Paul Miles; Mr Ben Wyatt; Mr Joe Francis; Mr David Templeman; Mrs Michelle Roberts; Ms Rita Saffioti

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY — FUNDING OF SERVICES

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham — Leader of the Opposition) [10.02 am] — without notice: I move —

That so much of standing orders standing orders be suspended as is necessary to allow consideration of the following motion forthwith —

That the house calls on the government to reveal the following:

- any further cuts to the education budget;
- the exact changes to the timing and costs of rail promises; and
- the cost of having Fiona Stanley Hospital operating without patients.

We are moving a suspension of standing orders motion on these three very important issues that the public of Western Australia deserves answers to as soon as possible. I do not think it is good enough for this Parliament and its elected members to be denied this information on incredibly important issues that concern people in this state. The government has not provided this information and that is why this matter is urgent. The government knows the answers to these questions. We know the government knows the answers to these questions because it has said it has the answers to these questions. This is an urgent matter and it is important for the government to be accountable and to provide the answers to these very important questions to the people of Western Australia now. The government's answer to these things is always to tell us to wait until the midyear review. Here comes the Treasurer. His answer will be, "Wait until the midyear review." I do not think that is good enough. We do not know when the midyear review will be. Knowing the nature and extent of these issues, which the government does, and knowing how large these issues are, the government needs to provide these answers now so that there can be a full parliamentary debate around each of these important questions. It is not good enough to wait until Christmas or Boxing Day or the day after Boxing Day or New Year's Eve to release this information.

Mr T.R. Buswell interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Let us have the debate. If that is the Treasurer's answer, let us have the debate. Will the government give us the debate?

Mr T.R. Buswell interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: There we have more evidence of why we need to deal with this matter now and why it is urgent. The Treasurer himself has now almost admitted that it will be released after Christmas.

Mr T.R. Buswell: I said it won't be after Christmas.

Mr M. McGOWAN: When is it?

Mr T.R. Buswell: It will be when it is.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Will it be Christmas Eve? Parliament does not return until the second half of February. These three issues deserve consideration now. I am looking at the Leader of the House back there; I can see him there. Does he agree to debate these issues today?

Mr J.H.D. Day: For 20 minutes for each side.

Mr M. McGOWAN: All right; I agree with that. If the Leader of the House wants to amend the motion along those lines, I will sit down now.

Standing Orders Suspension — Amendment to Motion

MR J.H.D. DAY (Kalamunda — Leader of the House) [10.06 am]: As I just indicated by way of interjection, we will agree to that debate, essentially along the same rules as a matter of public interest debate, but being limited to 20 minutes each for the opposition and 20 minutes for the government. Therefore, I move —

To insert after "forthwith" the words —

, subject to the debate being limited to 20 minutes for government members and 20 minutes for non-government members

Amendment put and passed.

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion, as Amended

The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms L.L. Baker): 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.

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Question put and passed with an absolute majority.

Motion

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham — Leader of the Opposition) [10.07 am]: I move —

That the house calls on the government to reveal the following:

- any further cuts to the education budget;
- the exact changes to the timing and costs of rail promises; and
- the cost of having Fiona Stanley Hospital operating without patients.

This is the last day of sitting of this house of Parliament. It is the last opportunity for the government to reveal this important information. We know that the midyear review will be released around Christmas Eve and Parliament does not return until late February. This is the last chance for there to be a proper parliamentary debate on the important issues of health, education and transport in Western Australia, and what the government's plans are in relation to each of those things. It is incumbent on the government to not hide this information, but to reveal it now, prior to Christmas. This is the last opportunity the Parliament will have to consider these matters.

I now move to the matters that we have raised. Firstly, there is the issue of Fiona Stanley Hospital operating without patients. We know that there is a significant delay, not in the construction of Fiona Stanley Hospital, but in the implementation of its IT and personnel systems. We know that the first patients will not arrive at that hospital until late next year. However, we also know that the hospital will be practically completed this month and that Serco will take over certain operations of the hospital. We know that because the government signed a major contract with Serco. We know that certain clinical operations are going into the hospital a long way prior to patients arriving. A small number of patients will arrive late next year in the rehabilitation centre and patients will come online progressively through to the middle of the following year. That means we will have a fully functioning, fully operational hospital without patients for at least six months and in some areas of the hospital for up to a year. The taxpayers of Western Australia will be paying for a fully functioning, fully operational hospital with no patients due to government incompetence. That government incompetence comes with a cost. We are advised that the government signed a contract or an arrangement with Serco yesterday to the tune of about \$100 million to cover the cost of a hospital without patients. That is what we have heard.

The opportunity now stands for the Treasurer, the Premier and the Minister for Health to advise the house what has happened here. If they do not come into the house today and explain to us the cost of a fully functioning, fully operational hospital without patients when they already know that cost, it will be an absolutely breathtaking lack of accountability to Parliament and to the people of Western Australia. Bear in mind this: if the cost is about \$100 million, which we are advised it is because the government signed an agreement with Serco to that effect, there will also be the additional cost to the state of the clinical services and staff employed at a hospital without patients. It would therefore be more than that. There are two costs here and the government should reveal both costs—not just the cost of the Serco agreement but also the arrangement for staff who the state directly employs.

However, bear in mind this: the cost of an extra floor on the new children's hospital would be around \$100 million. If our advice is right, \$100 million for a patientless hospital amounts to forgoing an extra floor on the new children's hospital because of the government's incompetence. We could so easily have had a long-term children's facility for the future of this state but for the government's incompetence in losing money on Fiona Stanley Hospital. The health minister said that the government had put an offer to Serco. The midyear review is coming out soon and the government said it will reveal the information. We are advised that an agreement had been reached with Serco in the last day or so and that it is for about \$100 million.

Several members interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Just remember this: the new children's hospital and the children of Western Australia are the ones who will suffer because of the government's incompetence. Additional facilities at the new children's hospital would mean it could last for scores of years to come but those facilities are being sacrificed because of the Premier's incompetence. We all know that the Premier's competence is at stake here. The Premier should reveal exactly the losses—both the losses for the Serco agreement for a patientless hospital and the losses for clinical services and staff employed directly by the state. This is worthy of that famous *Yes Minister* episode of the patientless hospital.

Mr C.J. Barnett: A very funny episode.

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Mr M. McGOWAN: It was very funny, Premier, except in your case it is true. It would be funny except that in the case of the Barnett government it is actually true. That is the shocking reality about this government.

In the area of education we know, from answers to questions in the upper house, that the government will directly rip out \$158 million from schools next year. It has been verified that \$158 million will come out of individual public school budgets next year. We also know from what the Premier said in the house in the last few days that the Abbott government will give the state \$31 million next year. The government forwent \$600 million from the former federal Labor government over six years, but the compensation will be \$31 million from the Abbott government next year. We have not had an assurance —

Several members interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Madam Acting Speaker, we have not had an assurance that that money will actually be spent on education, but now we hear that Treasury has made a demand on the Department of Education for another \$25 million to be ripped out of the education department. That is what we hear—a demand from Treasury for another \$25 million to be ripped out of the education department. If the Abbott government is putting \$38 million into education and the Barnett government is ripping out another \$25 million, and it is estimated that there will be 265 000 students in our public schools across Western Australia in 2014, that means there will be an additional \$6 million after the government rips out \$158 million. That means that the Abbott government's largesse will provide an additional \$22.67 a year per student in public schools next year. This government is taking the money out the back door while Mr Abbott puts a little in the front door. I can tell the house what \$22.67 buys for our kids. It buys a pencil case or two notepads or four Bic pens. That is the contribution from the commonwealth government and the Barnett government to schools in Western Australia.

Several members interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: It is up to the government to advise us exactly —

Dr M.D. Nahan: We don't have to advise you!

Mr M. McGOWAN: Yes, it does, actually. The government has to answer to Parliament. This is Parliament, my friend. The member for Riverton does not understand Parliament. This is Parliament.

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Minister!

Mr M. McGOWAN: The last issue is rail.

Several members interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Madam Acting Speaker, the last issue is rail. We know from the Premier's answers to questions in the house that there are potentially major delays in the rail projects. This is despite the fact that three months and 27 days ago in the state budget, the government said that these projects would be finished in 2019 because the government had allocated money in the forward estimates. We want to know, and I think the public wants to know, whether or not the government's fully funded, fully costed rail projects will be delivered in the time frame it promised in the budget three months and 27 days ago. It is up to the government now to reveal this. This is the last parliamentary sitting day for the year. This is the last chance that we have to find out the answers to these important questions. There are three important questions on health, education and public transport. It is now up to the government to tell us the truth of these matters.

Mr C.J. Barnett: No, it's not.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Yes, it is. The Premier has to answer to Parliament. Here he goes saying no, he does not. He does! He is the Premier of the state: he answers to the people and he answers to Parliament.

Mr C.J. Barnett: I don't answer to you.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Yes, the Premier does. We ask the questions and the Premier answers them.

Mr C.J. Barnett: We are over on this side; you are over on that side.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Is the Premier so arrogant and so full of himself that he thinks he does not have to answer to the people anymore?

Mr C.J. Barnett: The midyear review will reveal all.

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Mr M. McGOWAN: That is instructive. That is the state of mind of this Premier. He is so arrogant and so full of himself that he thinks he does not have to answer to anyone. He does, because the people of Western Australia deserve an answer to these questions and so does Parliament.

MR R.H. COOK (Kwinana — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [10.19 am]: In August we asked the government what penalties we have to provide to Serco as a result of this government's incompetence around the commissioning of Fiona Stanley Hospital. In August the minister said that the government cannot tell us because first, it does not know, and second, it has not reached agreement. We continue to ask questions in this place and this arrogant government has continued to ignore those questions.

Dr M.D. Nahan: Now they're saying \$500 million.

Mr R.H. COOK: We do not have to worry about the minister—our \$300 million friend.

Recently we also said to the government that we know the amount. It is time the government tells us what it has to pay Serco to sit and watch this \$1.2 billion asset, which will sit idle for 12 months.

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

Point of Order

Dr A.D. BUTI: The incompetent Minister for Energy —

The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms L.L. Baker): Member, that is not —

Dr A.D. BUTI: The Deputy Leader of the Opposition is not asking for interjections.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, member. That is not appropriate.

Debate Resumed

Mr R.H. COOK: The Minister for Health said the other day that the government knows how much it will pay Serco but it has not reached an agreement so it still cannot tell us. We know that this government concluded negotiations with Serco in the last 24 hours and we know that the government has decided how much it will cost. There is no reason at all why the government should not inform this house and the WA taxpayers how much its incompetence will cost. The only thing that is stopping the government is its arrogance and dismissal of accountability, transparency and honesty that the Premier promised when he was first elected before becoming the angry, arrogant man that he is now. He said he was going to be transparent and honest with the people of Western Australia. One election later, one complete lie later about his fully funded, fully costed policies, now we see the colour of his money and now we see what he is about. He is about arrogance and averting questions. He is about dismissing WA taxpayers' concerns about the Perth Children's Hospital, which will be too small by the time it is finished. We are concerned about the \$100 million that the government will have to pay Serco to sit on an asset that will remain idle for 12 months because of the government's incompetence in commissioning this hospital. It will sit idle until the first patient is admitted in October, and it will not receive its first unplanned admission until February 2015.

This government has been incompetent with Fiona Stanley Hospital from day one. It will be finished any day now. The keys will be handed over and the government will do nothing with it.

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, the constant chatter and yelling across the chamber means that Hansard is not gathering any of this information. Can you please tone it down and give the member on his feet whatever time he has left.

Mr R.H. COOK: We know that the government wants to squeak out this information. It wants to 'fess up in the dying days of Christmas and hide the figures inside the *Government Mid-year Financial Projections Statement*. We know that it has concluded its discussions and it knows how much money is involved. There is nothing stopping the government from coming forward and telling WA taxpayers how much its incompetence will cost them, except for its flagrant disregard for honesty and accountability.

MR T.R. BUSWELL (Vasse — Treasurer) [10.23 am]: I once learnt in politics that there is a place called the lunatic fringe, and I think the member for Kwinana has just confirmed that he has a one-way ticket. What an absurdity! How many more figures can the member for Kwinana pluck out of wherever he is plucking them from? He will collapse upon himself if he keeps plucking figures out of that place.

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

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The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Cannington, the Treasurer has the floor. Please do not yell across the chamber.

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member, I will call you. Do not backchat the Acting Speaker.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: It is farcical —

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Cannington, I call you for the first time.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: It is farcical, it is fanciful and it barely warrants a response. The government will respond to this motion in the way we responded to the matter of public interest on Tuesday and the way we responded to the Leader of the Opposition's brilliant piece of economic analysis yesterday afternoon when he managed to get five of his own members to come into the chamber and listen to him. Five of his own members bothered to listen to what he had to say yesterday.

Mr M.P. Murray interjected.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: That is what happens when the marron season opens early.

Our backbenchers want to speak to these motions to defend the government's position. They have been doing a good job. Yesterday the member for Churchlands, who is probably still recovering, got rid of a whole lot of them. There was not a person there. What a great contribution it was.

I just want to make a couple of points.

Mr W.J. Johnston: What an embarrassment.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: The member should buy a mirror, and get some Windex.

The government is required by law to produce a document called the *Government Mid-year Financial Projections Statement*. The midyear review will be made public well before Christmas. It will be open to proper scrutiny, as required.

Ms R. Saffioti: Will it contain all the decisions?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: It will reflect all decisions of government as required. Members need to understand that it will not be released between Boxing Day and New Year's Day. I can recall only one Treasurer who released a midyear review during that time, and that was Eric Ripper. I was not here when the Court Liberal government released its review between Boxing Day and New Year's Day to avoid any form of scrutiny. That will not happen this year. It will be there and it will be open for scrutiny. I will be taking questions on it. I hope the Leader of the Opposition reads it.

I will very quickly touch on the points made. The Leader of the Opposition's claim of \$100 million for Fiona Stanley Hospital in relation to Serco is fanciful in the extreme. I am surprised that he would go near issues around the costs of getting a hospital up and running and the transition to the operation of the hospital because as far as I can recall, the Labor Party in government did not open any. I am not sure what experience the member based that on. I remember the fanfare around the commencement of works at Fiona Stanley Hospital in 2008. A single bulldozer, the smallest scale of bulldozer one can possibly hire, appeared on the site. My son had a bigger Tonka toy! The media was there. The bulldozer was started, a puff of smoke came out of its chimney and it cleared a space. What was put on that space? A sign was put on that space. The Labor Party had a celebration to clear the space to put up a sign to announce the commencement of Fiona Stanley Hospital. The list goes on but I shall not go there.

I wish to make two other points. We have heard this fanciful notion of money being ripped out of education, when everybody on this side of the house knows that the education budget has gone up. It is very difficult to prosecute an argument that the budget has gone down when everybody knows that the cheque that has been written is for more.

I could go on but I do not want to deny my colleagues the opportunity to speak on this motion. I look forward to listening to their contributions after hearing how they contributed so positively on Tuesday and yesterday when there were more of us in this place to hear the Leader of the Opposition deliver his knockout blow to the government than there were members on his own side. I think it says a lot about his standing with his colleagues that none of them came in here to listen. That is a very interesting reflection.

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Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Willagee, I call you for the first time. Member for Cannington, please stop yelling.

Mr P.C. Tinley interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Willagee, if you want to stay in this chamber, please be quiet.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: I conclude my introductory comments. I say to my colleagues sitting around me: go forth and good luck. From our side, they will not hear the rhetoric that they talk about in Parliament to make themselves feel good; from our side, they will hear what is happening on the ground and in communities the length and breadth of Western Australia.

MR N.W. MORTON (Forrestfield) [10.30 am]: I rise to make a small contribution to this motion. I might be relatively new to this chamber, but there is nothing new about the motions and matters of public interest the opposition continues to roll out in this place. We continually stand here and repeat ourselves in this place because this opposition is irrelevant and has nothing to offer. The opposition just does not get it, and that is why the Labor Party's primary vote is on life support! Thank god the government is spending over \$7 billion on new health infrastructure in this state, but, alas, I do not think that those state-of-the-art facilities will be able to revive the Labor Party's primary vote.

I rise to address the motion and will speak about education. It does not take someone with a degree in pure mathematics to work out that this Liberal–National government has contributed a further \$300 million to the education budget this financial year. That takes total spending on education to \$4.4 billion—one in four Western Australian tax dollars. This is a great record and is something the government should be extremely proud of.

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms L.L. Baker): Member for Armadale, I have warned you. I call you to order for the first time. Please, do not yell abuse across the chamber.

Mr N.W. MORTON: It is quite difficult to sustain such a loud voice for such a long time in this chamber.

As I was saying, the Liberal–National government has spent over \$15 000 per student in this state—that is more than any jurisdiction in the country and another thing to be proud of—and marks a move toward a student-centred funding model which will deliver the money to the students most in need. Again, that is something this government is very proud of.

Last night, the member for Balcatta spoke about the child and parent centres being delivered to some of the most at-risk and in-need communities in Western Australia. Those kids will get the attention that they need in their early years so that any potential learning defects or disabilities are addressed. There has been record spending in the portfolio of education. As we heard this week, it is due to the efforts of the Premier and the government that we held fast, in the interests of Western Australia, to maintain control of our schools—a key point of difference from Labor, which would have handed control of WA schools on a silver platter to the east—and received funding of \$31 million for next year. The Leader of the Opposition was championing for \$7 million, but the government got a better deal and maintained control of our schools. In my electorate alone there is \$5 million for Maida Vale primary school, \$3.6 million for Darling Range Sports College, \$200 000 for East Kenwick Primary School and \$150 000 for Forrestfield Primary School. I could go on, but like the Treasurer, I will now sit down and allow some of my colleagues to contribute to the debate.

DR G.G. JACOBS (Eyre) [10.33 am]: Attempts to move the same motion twice indicates that the Labor Party has a problem. Attempts to move this motion a third time is commonly called constipation. I suggest that the Labor Party changes its diet, swallows some more water and uses a little less of the fully costed, fully funded rhetoric. I have sat in this place this year and I have heard the same stuff bowled up time after time.

I bring some experience on the issues of health and hospitals. I am the Chairman of the Education and Health Standing Committee and that committee is looking at the concerns of the commissioning of Fiona Stanley Hospital, the most complex hospital Western Australia and, indeed, the nation has built. In those complexities, the opposition is suggesting that we put up walls, a couple of floors and a roof and put some patients in and everything will be fine.

Dr A.D. Buti interjected.

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The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Armadale, it is not appropriate to call across the chamber at the Premier. I can hear you. If the Premier is speaking, that is another issue. I can hear you calling across the chamber.

Dr A.D. Buti interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: I call the member for Armadale a second time.

Dr G.G. JACOBS: The government understands that in the twenty-first century a hospital of this type is very complex and involves a phase-in period. It is not as though we end up with 785 patients the minute the walls and roof are there and everything works. It does work, but there is a process of phasing in that has to occur.

The Education and Health Standing Committee has been through a process for some months—I breach no confidence here—of methodically working through how the process works and how to phase in a twenty-first century hospital. I have to say, through the parliamentary committee process, we have not come up with any figures, but the Leader of the Opposition has pulled out the figure of \$100 million. I do not know where he got that from. The committee is still methodically going through the process and there are a couple of factors to consider. One is commercial-in-confidence.

Several members interjected.

Dr G.G. JACOBS: I think the member for Kwinana said that all of this has been done and the negotiations are settled. Tell us what it is.

Mr R.H. Cook: Why don't you?

Dr G.G. JACOBS: The advice is that the process is being worked on and, in fact, we need to wait for the midyear review. But no, on the last day, the opposition brings back the motion that was like the motion before, which the opposition could not get passed, and we get into a “constipatory” process and bring back this issue. If it is not about economic management, it is about condemnation about financial management and now, again, about Fiona Stanley Hospital. We are going through a complex process. The government understands that and I understand that as the Chairman of the Education and Health Standing Committee. We will go through the process in a guided way to bring some responses and resolution from the committee. Wait for the review and wait for the committee process.

MR P.T. MILES (Wanneroo — Parliamentary Secretary) [10.39 am]: I just want to touch on a couple of points about what the Liberal–National government has been proceeding with in the northern suburbs. One thing that I will point out, which the member for Eyre touched on, is how thorough this Liberal–National government is in going about delivering its commitments. I think the Treasurer pointed out earlier in this discussion that when the Labor Party went to make an announcement, it had a small bulldozer in a field just to put up a sign. I point out that this government committed to the Butler train station and the Butler extension of the railway. This is a \$240 million commitment and that commitment is not just for seven and a half kilometres of railway line, which is probably the easiest part of the project, but also we have to build a 930-bay Park ‘n’ Ride at the end and provide 11 brand-new feeder buses that will service the train station, with something like 2 000 passengers expected to board that service every day. The extension of this railway line also consists of four three-car sets to get those passengers, obviously, down to the Joondalup city centre and possibly further down to the CBD of Perth.

Parking at the Edgewater train station is the other big commitment that this government has been doing in the northern corridor. In the 2013 election campaign, we committed to build 4 000 car parking bays at that train station, which is about four to five levels of car parking at a cost of \$47 million. That project has been funded; it is going ahead. The Treasurer has been working very diligently with the member for Joondalup to have that commitment serviced and put out.

The train services in the northern corridor have been something of a really big boom for this government; in fact, so many people are using them that we have to put in all these extra services. I would say that the people of Wanneroo use the Edgewater, Currabine and Clarkson train stations. Therefore, this service is very much part of a commitment by this government to deliver and it is very worthwhile in the northern corridor.

MR B.S. WYATT (Victoria Park) [10.42 am]: I rise to speak in support of this motion. There is a very good reason why the government needs to declare those three impacts on the budget now. It is simply because we do not trust the midyear review, the *Government Mid-year Financial Projections Statement*. The Treasurer said that all decisions as required by law will be reflected in the midyear review. However, we already saw last year the dishonesty of this government in what it puts in the midyear review. Members will recall the debate we had at

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length in this place about the Insurance Commission of WA dividends. We all remember when the Premier said in this place on 13 June this year that it was a policy decision “made subsequent to the election campaign”. The Premier got up on 11 September, a bit confused about the nature of the debate, read out the paragraph of the midyear review talking about the revised dividend arrangements and said —

There is no reference to the Insurance Commission at all!

He was thereby endorsing the position I was arguing. The Premier is right, but we do not trust the midyear review because of what was in the draft documents of the midyear review. We got back our freedom of information request on that just this morning. I will read to the house what the paragraph said before the Premier quoted it in this place —

- implementation of dividend arrangements for the Insurance Commission of Western Australia, with the dividend payout ratio to be set at 65% of after-tax profit from 2012–13 onwards. It is estimated that this will generate additional revenue of around \$46 million in 2012–13 and will require legislative change to the *Insurance Commission of Western Australia Act 1986* before 30 June 2013;

That is what was in the draft midyear review last year, and then you get up in here and say it is all going to be in the midyear review tabled just in a few weeks and you expect the opposition to cop that. No way! You have got form! You were deceitful with the midyear review last year and you are deceitful —

Withdrawal of Remark

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: I have a point of order.

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms L.L. Baker): There is a point of order.

A member interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Mandurah, you know what you need to do; could you please take that back. I heard very clearly what you said.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I withdraw.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: I will just make my point of order.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Please do, member.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: I take objection to use of the word “deceitful”. The member for Victoria Park knows that it is unparliamentary and I ask you to ask him to withdraw it.

Several members interjected.

Mr P.T. MILES: I have a point of order.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Enough with the points of order, I think. I do not agree that “deceitful” is not a parliamentary word. It is not implying that you are lying; it is not saying anything like that. Member, would you please get to your feet and continue with your contribution.

Debate Resumed

Mr B.S. WYATT: I think everybody knows that the government is deceitful around the disclosure of the finances. The Insurance Commission dividend highlights that point. The Treasurer got to his feet when we were having the questions and exchange around that and he said, “Look in the midyear review. Here it is.” If we look at the “Estimated Impact of Corrective Measures” table, we see one bland line, “Revised dividend arrangements”. But if we look at the draft table, we see that it had “Insurance Commission of Western Australia dividend”—and we wonder why we do not trust the Treasurer! The Treasurer wonders why we do not trust the midyear review that he will bring down. That FOI has 13 documents —

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, please!

Withdrawal of Remark

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: The member for West Swan clearly stated then that I lied. That is unparliamentary by any measure and I ask that you direct her to withdraw that.

Mr Mark McGowan; Mr John Day; Acting Speaker; Mr Roger Cook; Dr Tony Buti; Mr Troy Buswell; Mr Nathan Morton; Dr Graham Jacobs; Mr Paul Miles; Mr Ben Wyatt; Mr Joe Francis; Mr David Templeman; Mrs Michelle Roberts; Ms Rita Saffioti

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: Further to the point of order, the Treasurer has been incessantly interjecting.

Mr C.J. Barnett interjected.

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: The Premier for that matter interjects while people are taking points of order and while the Acting Speaker is on her feet, so perhaps he might contemplate his own behaviour!

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms L.L. Baker): Members! We have not long to go in this debate. Member for West Swan, would you please withdraw.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I withdraw.

Debate Resumed

Mr B.S. WYATT: When we look at the draft table that emerged, we see that it was specifically mentioned. The Treasurer knows that when cabinet makes a decision, he books the revenue. Then he deliberately hid it in the midyear review last year because it was not until about the tenth version of the draft document that it started to get all the crossing out. There was all the crossing out of that awkward little decision made by the Treasurer and his mate there on the right to impose a dividend on the Insurance Commission that everybody in this place knows will drive up third party insurance costs. The Treasurer made that decision to book the revenue because his budget was falling apart, but he did not have the guts to take it to the people of Western Australia in the lead-up to the election. When challenged on it, the Premier came into this place and said that the government did not lie to the RAC. He said that the government made the policy decision subsequent to the election campaign. That is despite the fact that the government's draft documents of the midyear review specifically, time and again, referred to —

Several members interjected.

Mr B.S. WYATT: Does the Treasurer admit he changed the draft? Did he change the draft?

Several members interjected.

Mr B.S. WYATT: Yes, rubbish! The Treasurer comes into this place and says it is all okay because everything will be disclosed in the midyear review, but no-one is going to cop that because the Treasurer has got form. His finances are falling apart and he lost the AAA credit rating because he had his mind on everything else other than the state's finances. There is no way that the opposition will sit here and cop that rubbish line from a Premier who has failed at financial management and a Treasurer who thinks of everything else other than finances. The opposition ain't going to wear that anymore!

The ACTING SPEAKER: The question is that the motion —

Mr C.J. Barnett interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Premier, I am trying to put the motion.

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for West Swan! The question is that the motion be agreed to.

Point of Order

Mr J.H.D. DAY: Madam Acting Speaker, I just seek to inquire whether there is any time left on the government side.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms L.L. Baker): What a good question! There is three minutes left.

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Do we have a speaker from the government?

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Cannington!

Debate Resumed

The ACTING SPEAKER: The question is that the motion be agreed to.

Division

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

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Ayes (19)

Ms L.L. Baker
Dr A.D. Buti
Mr R.H. Cook
Ms J. Farrer
Ms J.M. Freeman

Mr W.J. Johnston
Mr D.J. Kelly
Mr F.M. Logan
Mr M. McGowan
Ms S.F. McGurk

Mr M.P. Murray
Mr P. Papalia
Ms M.M. Quirk
Mrs M.H. Roberts
Ms R. Saffioti

Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr B.S. Wyatt
Mr D.A. Templeman (*Teller*)

Noes (35)

Mr P. Abetz
Mr F.A. Alban
Mr C.J. Barnett
Mr I.C. Blayney
Mr I.M. Britza
Mr T.R. Buswell
Mr G.M. Castrilli
Mr V.A. Catania
Mr M.J. Cowper

Ms M.J. Davies
Mr J.H.D. Day
Ms W.M. Duncan
Ms E. Evangel
Mr J.M. Francis
Mrs G.J. Godfrey
Mr B.J. Grylls
Mrs L.M. Harvey
Mr C.D. Hatton

Mr A.P. Jacob
Dr G.G. Jacobs
Mr R.F. Johnson
Mr R.S. Love
Mr W.R. Marmion
Mr J.E. McGrath
Mr P.T. Miles
Ms A.R. Mitchell
Mr N.W. Morton

Dr M.D. Nahan
Mr D.C. Nalder
Mr J. Norberger
Mr D.T. Redman
Mr A.J. Simpson
Mr M.H. Taylor
Mr T.K. Waldron
Mr A. Krsticevic (*Teller*)

Pairs

Mr P.B. Watson
Mr J.R. Quigley

Mr S.K. L'Estrange
Dr K.D. Hames

Question thus negated.