

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Statement by Member for Scarborough

MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [12.27 pm]: The Treasurer will today bring down his first budget and the Premier has made it clear that every Western Australian will be feeling pain. Households will, businesses will and public servants will. Only one class of Western Australian citizens is being spared pain. That is the double-dipping ministers in the McGowan government—ministers who were receiving the taxpayer-funded motor vehicle allowance while also receiving a taxpayer-funded motor vehicle. The Speaker tabled in Parliament the other day the details of those ministers who double dipped and, as he indicated, have not paid it back. Which ministers are more than \$5 000 better off? The Attorney General is one—the man who stands in here day after day acting as though he is holier than thou. He pocketed five grand that he should not have received. The Minister for Corrective Services is another. So, too, is the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations. The Minister for Transport is another. She was not catching public transport; she was using a taxpayer-funded vehicle while getting paid a motor vehicle allowance. The Minister for Health received the bonus, as did the Minister for Housing, the Minister for Child Protection and the Minister for Water. While Western Australians are being told to brace for pain in the budget to come down today, a few members opposite are being shielded from it. They have pocketed money they should not have received and the Premier has not shown the leadership required and told them to pay it back.