

SUBURBAN GROWTH

156. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Premier:

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Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Are you the Premier? He is the Premier; is he not?

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The SPEAKER: Minister for Planning, I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: According to WA Planning Commission data, the fastest growing suburb for 10 to 19-year-olds from 2016 to 2026 is Scarborough, at 132 per cent, while Doubleview–Innaloo is 92 per cent. Does the Premier consider these inner-city suburbs or will he admit that the data he has been using does not match his rhetoric?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I thank the member for Scarborough for the question. It begs the question: why did the Liberal Party close down Scarborough Senior High School?

Mrs L.M. Harvey: We didn't sell the site!

Mr M. McGOWAN: I remember the closure of Scarborough Senior High School and of Belmont. There was a high school in Belmont and I think there might have been one in Thornlie, or out there; then they closed a bunch in Nedlands and Cottesloe. It begs the question: What has the Liberal Party got against the western suburbs? What has it got against the western suburbs when it is going to close the high schools there? It is only Labor that will provide a new high school in the member for Nedlands' electorate. It is Labor that will provide a new high school in the member for Nedlands' electorate. We will ensure that those people in the western suburbs have the best of education. Incidentally, whilst that is occurring, the people of Perth and Mt Lawley will also have access to a wonderful new high school. What is clear to me from the question from the member for Scarborough is that she does not want the people of Mt Lawley or Perth to have access to a new state-of-the-art high school right in the heart of where people are living. We will make sure that that is communicated to the people of Perth and Mt Lawley.