

ROADS — NORTHERN SUBURBS

104. Ms S.E. WINTON to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's commitment to deliver job-creating, congestion-busting road projects across Western Australia.

- (1) Can the minister update the house on the \$65 million upgrades to Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road, as well as the widening of Reid Highway?
- (2) Can the minister outline to the house how this adds to this government's record of delivering infrastructure for the northern suburbs and creating jobs across my electorate?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I thank the member for Wanneroo for that question.

- (1)–(2) Of course, I was out there on Sunday with the member for Wanneroo, the member for Kingsley and my good friend the member for Moore, Ian Goodenough, to announce the new overpass at Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road. This project would not be happening if the other side was still in government. When we won government, we negotiated the Roe 8 funds to address congestion in the suburbs and in the regions. That is what we did.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I know that members of the opposition do not like this project. They do not like addressing congestion in the northern suburbs. They want to pour it all into one project called Roe 8.

Mr D.C. Nalder interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bateman!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: They do not want to address these projects in the northern suburbs. Let us go through the projects.

Mr D.C. Nalder interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bateman, that is your last warning.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: The Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road project would not be happening under a Liberal government. That is one of the key congestion points across the network.

Mr D.C. Nalder interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bateman, I call you to order for the first time. I warned you three times.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: It will reduce waiting times. It is about making sure that people can travel east to west and north to south easier in our northern suburbs.

Mr D.C. Nalder interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bateman, I call you to order for the second time.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Member for Wanneroo, member for Kingsley and member for Butler, the Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive overpass and the widening of Wanneroo Road are projects that are really delivering in our northern suburbs. Again, this project would not be happening under a Liberal government, as the opposition has again reaffirmed its obsession with Roe 8. Do not worry about the facts! Do not worry about what is happening across the suburbs! Its sole commitment to reducing congestion is Roe 8. Of course, this project will reduce congestion and create jobs; 350 jobs will be created. This is the agenda of the Labor government—creating jobs and focusing on the issues that matter, not playing in the gutter like the Leader of the Opposition and the member for Scarborough, who used social media to attack the Premier's wife and kids. It is disgusting. It has never been seen before.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister, through the Chair.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: It has never been seen before—an opposition using social media to attack the Premier's wife and children. It is an absolute disgrace. It is something that I have never witnessed. Let us face it; if we had done it to any of you, we would never have heard the end of it!

Mr D.C. Nalder interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bateman, you are on two.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: That is a disgrace. This government is getting on with the job.

Point of Order

Dr D.J. HONEY: Under standing order 78, this is utterly irrelevant to the question.

The SPEAKER: Sit down. That is not a point of order.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: It is not utterly irrelevant, because it is focusing on the job at hand. This government is focused on the issues that matter in the suburbs—reducing congestion, creating jobs and making sure that the suburbs that were ignored under the previous government get the attention they deserve.