

TAX CUTS — FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

**503. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. Why will the Premier not support tax cuts for over a million Western Australians?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

This is the state Parliament. If we want to talk about taxes, let us talk about the land tax, which members opposite put up on three separate occasions.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** That gets them animated! On three separate occasions, small businesses across Western Australia —

**Dr M.D. Nahan** interjected.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** The member for Riverton—there he goes!

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Riverton, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** He is back in the saddle and he is interjecting. I cannot understand what he is saying, but I can see his lips moving.

**Dr M.D. Nahan** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Riverton!

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** Obviously, the record is there for all to see. There were three rounds of tax rises for land tax. Members opposite cancelled payroll tax cuts and stamp duty cuts that were scheduled when they arrived in office back in 2008.

**Dr M.D. Nahan** interjected.

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

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** Members opposite put up fees and charges by 90 per cent for water and electricity over their term in office and they take no responsibility for the \$40 billion worth of debt they left.

**Mr D.C. Nalder** interjected.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** Here he goes, Mr Speaker—the member for Bateman!

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Bateman!

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** I always love it when he interjects because it allows me to segue. Obviously, the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party is there to protect the Leader of the Liberal Party from the member for Bateman and the member for Churchlands—the two hyenas over there. They are two vultures circling around. Look at them! They are two bald-headed eagles over there, circling around.

**Dr M.D. Nahan** interjected.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Member for Bateman!

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** They are circling around, and the bodyguard from Nedlands is protecting the Leader of the Opposition. I saw the member for Nedlands in what I must say is a magnificent article by Josh Zimmerman. What a great job he did! I am not a good fisherman, but you just let the line reel out, and that is what he did. He let the line play out and away went the member for Nedlands. I will quote what the member for Nedlands had to say —

*Point of Order*

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** Point of order.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, he will be heard in silence. Member for Carine.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** This has absolutely nothing to do with the question about the federal government tax cuts. It is completely irrelevant.

**The SPEAKER:** That is not a point of order. I am sure the Premier will get back to the point.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** Mr Speaker, I will conclude.

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**Mr A. Krsticevic** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Do not query it.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** I will quote the member for Nedlands —

“The last thing you want is someone who is looking for the leader to fall over,” ...

“You want someone that is supportive and in fact gives the leader advice so they don’t fall over and advice that makes them look good.

If the Leader of the Opposition is relying on the member for Nedlands for advice on looking good, I suggest she go elsewhere for advice.