

DIRECT FLIGHTS — PERTH–JAPAN

187. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Tourism:

I have a supplementary question. What exactly does Western Australia get from the three-year \$7.65 million deal with Qantas signed in September 2013 when Qantas does not even fly international flights through Perth?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Just before I left Perth—I am assuming this is what the member is talking about—we had a significant desire to increase our interstate numbers. We did not have direct flights coming through Qantas from somewhere else, but our interstate flights were significantly lower. As part of our marketing package—remember that we both committed \$24 million —

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland, I call you to order for the first time. Right, a quick answer, please.

Dr K.D. HAMES: Yes, Mr Speaker. We did a deal with Qantas, largely around interstate, to increase the number of people coming from the other states to Western Australia. Qantas has its own agenda and its own direction, and we will continue to work with it to maximise tourist numbers coming to this state.