

LAND ACQUISITION — 2017–18 STATE BUDGET

630. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the minister representing the Minister for Planning:

My question without notice of which some notice has been given is to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning—a tough gig if ever there was one.

Hon Alannah MacTiernan: Oh, gosh; you say that all the time. You are a misogynist.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: No, let us just sit down. Hon Simon O'Brien, if you could please proceed with your question.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: Do you want me to start again?

The PRESIDENT: Start it again, please, and we will not have any interjections.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: My question without notice of which some notice has been given is to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Planning—whether that is a tough misogynistic gig or not, I do not care.

Hon Alannah MacTiernan: That is why you have one woman over there.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: Is there anything interesting on your iPhone now?

The PRESIDENT: All right! Hon Simon O'Brien.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: Notes are still coming through, are they? All right; try this one for size.

I refer to the government's reduction of land acquisition in the metropolitan area from \$184.8 million to \$0 over the 2019–20 and 2020–21 financial years. Members can find the reference to that on page 210 of the *Economic and Fiscal Outlook*.

- (1) How does the decision to not apply funds to this purpose “better align with current acquisition trends”?
- (2) Is this decision a genuine initiative of the Western Australian Planning Commission or a Treasury device to give the appearance of a surplus in an out year—if that is not too misogynistic for you?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Western Australian Planning Commission metropolitan acquisition budget over the forward estimates totals \$142.9 million. The allocation for the 2019–20 and 2020–21 financial years is not \$0, but, rather, \$40 million in each year. The allocation for acquisitions for 2019–20 and 2020–21 is in line with previous budgeted expenditure allocated for this purpose.
- (2) The allocation for acquisitions for 2019–20 and 2020–21 is in line with previous budgeted expenditure allocated for this purpose.