

TOURISM WA — BUDGET

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

I have a supplementary question. Can the minister confirm that her approach will have a \$2.4 million impact on net debt and undermine —

Mr P.B. Watson interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Albany! Your member is trying to ask a supplementary question. I call you to order for the second time.

Mr P. PAPALIA: Can the minister confirm that her approach will have a \$2.4 million impact on net debt and undermine the Treasurer's fiscal action plan, and has she therefore sought his permission for that approach?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I think it is particularly condescending for a member to say that I need to seek the permission of the Treasurer to ensure that I meet our commitments. I will be working with the Treasurer, I will be working with cabinet and I will deliver on that commitment.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Like every other minister —

Several members interjected.

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland! I call you to order for the first time and I ask members to stop trying to drown out answers. Will you please answer the question through the Chair.

Mr P. Papalia: Minister, have you sought his approval?

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro! Minister, please answer the question through the Chair.

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro!

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for West Swan and member for Warnbro, I call to you order for the first time. Now, minister, will you answer the question through the Chair.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The government's fiscal action plan is the most important part of our budget delivery and I will ensure that my ministerial responsibilities and my areas of spending will not have a negative impact on net debt as per my responsibilities to deliver sound financial management to the state.